## **HOUSE BILL 3004**

## By Turner J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, relative to group insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

8-27-212.

A supplemental health insurance program that pays cash benefits shall be established for state employees by the committee created in § 8-27-101. The committee is authorized to determine the benefits package, funding method, administrative procedures, eligibility provisions and rules relating to the program. When such program is established, the committee shall have all the powers set forth in § 8-27-201 in administering the program. Payroll deductions shall be available for the payment of premiums from salary paid by the state of Tennessee to employees participating in the plan.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-201(a)(1), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any term life insurance policy authorized by the committee, if the term life insurance is not available to a participant after the participant reaches a certain age, the committee shall require that a provision be included in the contract with the company from whom the insurance is obtained, requiring the company to forward a notice to any participant nearing the age when the term insurance will not longer be available of such fact. Such notice shall be sent at least sixty (60) days prior to the date such term-life insurance will terminate;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it; provided, however, Section 2 shall only apply to any contract for term life insurance renewed or entered into after the effective date of this act.

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